



# Focal Point

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“Every child  
deserves a chance  
to play baseball.”

— THE MIRACLE LEAGUE

## Homerun!

*Miracle League of Frisco hits  
homerun with children with  
special needs, scores smiles*

BY DANA BAIRD

A new, specialized baseball field hits a homerun among children with special needs and scores plenty of smiles in Frisco.

Now... every child can play baseball – no matter what their physical or mental ability – with the opening of the Miracle Field in Frisco, which is located within the city's new Harold Bacchus Park at the intersection of FM3537 (Main Street) and Independence Parkway.

“This is about more than a baseball field,” said Cacy Saffery, President, Miracle League of Frisco. “It’s about the kids, period.”

On Saturday, April 22, The Miracle League of Frisco celebrated its inaugural “Opening Day” with players, their parents, friends and their volunteer “buddies,” as well as city leaders, includ-

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Mayor Mike Simpson threw out the “first pitch” to Justin Downs, catcher, before the first game between the Frisco Yankees and the Frisco Rangers. **Pictured inset:** Rachel Miller, of the Frisco Yankees, is all smiles on Opening Day. She plays third base and pitches for the Frisco Yankees.



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## Providing our citizens a great quality of life

Each month, as I sit down to write, I try to select topics that may be of greatest interest to you, our citizens, while providing general information about exciting announcements impacting our city. I'm often asked 'why do we have so much going on in Frisco?' and 'do we really need to keep adding housing developments or bring more businesses here?'

We're successful in Frisco because of the planning and our goal to stay ahead of other cities by providing our citizens a great quality of life and doing the necessary things to make our city a place you never want to leave. We want to provide you and your families the best we can in services, safety, recreation, education, job opportunities, housing and a life style that makes you proud to live in Frisco.

Our Town Hall Meetings and our City Hall House Call program brings a “State of the City” message to you in your own neighborhoods. We encourage you and your families to take advantage of the



### Mayor's Message

Mike Simpson

many activities and events taking place in our city. Our sports venues, for example, provide great family fun – and it's no wonder, since Frisco receives awards and compliments from all who attend, especially from out of town visitors.

About two years ago I went to see a soccer game in the Cotton Bowl and it took me more than two hours to get there and get parked. Recently, I attended a Texas Rangers game and it took me more than two and a half hours to get home, due to road construction and traffic accidents.

I mention this because, in Frisco, your family can enjoy quality sports and entertainment venues.

In a matter of 10-20 minutes, depending on where you live in the city, your family could choose from seeing a Frisco RoughRiders baseball game in an award winning Dr Pepper Ballpark; watching an exciting game involving our 'reigning champion' junior league Texas Tornado hockey team; witnessing world class cycling events at the Superdome in Frisco; or seeing professional soccer, as Frisco based FC Dallas competes in Pizza Hut Park, which will also host major concerts by the best names in the music industry. Where else can you see all these events as quickly and conveniently as in Frisco? As I attend conferences and meetings with other mayors, county or state officials, we are complimented on our variety of venues. Add to this, our city parks provide places for youth sporting events, not to mention playgrounds, hike and bike trails and passive park areas. In

fact, there is a summer concert series planned for Warren Sports Complex. There is something for everyone to do in Frisco!

We know the importance of bringing in businesses to Frisco, not only to provide jobs on a local basis but to help diversify our tax base. We have an excellent Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and it continues to announce new companies coming to Frisco. Our EDC brought more than 3,500 job opportunities to Frisco in 2005, plus an equal amount in 2004 and more major announcements will be forthcoming. You may have heard or read about companies like DebtXS, T-Mobile's Frisco Technology Campus and the National Breast Cancer Foundation moving to Frisco, just to name a few.

We must also keep ahead of the curve on providing additional major

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# Anticipated Stage 3 Water Restrictions lead to Drought Contingency Plan Changes, addition of Licensed Irrigator

**BY ANTOINETTE VEGA**

The continual lack of rain and continuing drought has Frisco City leaders preparing for a Stage 3 water restriction before schools let out for the summer.

As a result, the City of Frisco has changed its Drought Contingency Plan and hired an Irrigation Systems expert.

In April, City Council members revised the city's Drought Contingency Plan, which is designed to conserve the available water supply in times of drought and emergencies while promoting water conservation through public education.

One of the main changes in the Plan limits landscape watering for each residence to once every seven days based on the residential trash collection zones. Soaker hoses, drip systems, and hand-held hoses may be used for trees and shrubs up to one hour on any day or for foundations, as necessary. The changes are require-

ments of the North Texas Municipal Water District.

"The biggest change in the Plan was creating a specific day when residents can water their lawn," said Gary Hartwell, Director of Public Works. "Residents are allowed to water their lawn on residential trash day only. Any more than that could lead to even more restrictions in Stage 4, which would prohibit all outdoor watering except for public safety uses."

Stage 3 water restrictions are considered "severe" and also prohibit operating fountains with potable water, washing vehicles with hoses, and using water in such a manner as to allow runoff or other waste. Stage 3 does not significantly affect the landscape or pool industry.

The City of Frisco has also hired an irrigation expert to push for future water conservation. Now on hand to help residents with their irrigation system

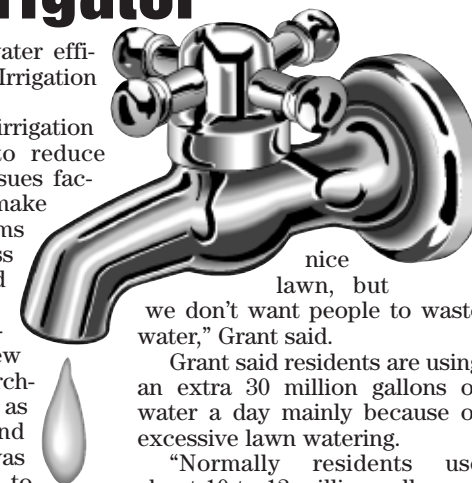
needs and promote water efficiency is Frisco's new Irrigation Specialist Mike Garth.

"The addition of an irrigation specialist is aimed to reduce water consumption issues facing the city today and make our irrigation systems more efficient and less wasteful," said Hartwell.

"An irrigation specialist is something new to us, but after researching other cities such as Fort Collins, CO and Austin, TX, we felt it was something we needed to do," said Hartwell.

The irrigation specialist will provide residents a free annual irrigation audit, which includes a review of their irrigation systems and operating systems and offer suggestions on how to use specific systems, said Kevin Grant, Utilities Operation Manager for Public Works.

"We want people to have a



nice lawn, but we don't want people to waste water," Grant said.

Grant said residents are using an extra 30 million gallons of water a day mainly because of excessive lawn watering.

"Normally residents use about 10 to 13 million gallons of water a day but so far people are using 30 to 35 million gallons already and summer hasn't even started," Grant said.

To schedule a free consultation with the City's Irrigation Specialist, residents should call Public Works at 972-335-5520 Ext. 110.

Appointments are available weekdays and Saturdays.

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retail centers as we continue to grow, remembering our city is only 40% built out. A few weeks ago, Forest City Development California, Inc. announced it would develop a 132-acre, mixed use project in the northern part of Frisco at the intersection of the Dallas North Tollway and future Virginia Parkway. General Growth Properties (GGP), which developed Stonebriar Centre Mall, has announced plans to develop shopping, residential, a hotel and office space on 194 acres at the southwest corner of the Dallas North Tollway and US-380. These developments will provide a significant, economic opportunity for our city as we approve plans for development along U.S. 380, which is our northern border.

Frisco is fortunate that two universities have established campuses here, joining our fast growing Preston Ridge campus of the Collin County Community College. Dallas Baptist University and Amberton University are open in Frisco.

Opportunities for continuing education now abound for those wishing to get their degrees.

May brings an important election to our city as you will consider bond packages for both the City of Frisco and the Frisco Independent School District. We urge you to become educated voters and learn all you can about the propositions. The most important thing you can do is exercise your right to vote.

The recent primary and run-off elections had low voter turn-out. In America, the right to vote for what you believe is one of our most cherished liberties. May 13 is Election Day, but early voting is May 1-9. You can get details on the polling locations and voting hours on our city Web site at [www.friscotexas.gov](http://www.friscotexas.gov)

Enjoy your city and all we have to offer.

**Sincerely,**

**Mike Simpson  
Mayor**

## City of Frisco

[www.FriscoTexas.gov](http://www.FriscoTexas.gov)

## IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ■ Assistant Pool Manager           | ■ Maintenance Worker-Utilities      |
| ■ Building Inspector               | ■ Plans Examiner                    |
| ■ Building Maintenance Worker      | ■ Police Dispatcher                 |
| ■ Building Services Superintendent | ■ Police Officer                    |
| ■ Civil Engineer                   | ■ Pool Manager                      |
| ■ Code Enforcement Officer         | ■ Recreation Aide                   |
| ■ Court Clerk                      | ■ Recreation Intern                 |
| ■ Custodian                        | ■ Seasonal Maintenance Worker-Water |
| ■ Detention Supervisor             | ■ Senior Environmental Engineer     |
| ■ EDC Marketing Director           | ■ Senior Planner                    |
| ■ Health Inspector                 | ■ Technical Support Specialist II   |
| ■ Library Technician               | ■ Technical Support Specialist III  |
| ■ Lifeguard                        | ■ Traffic Engineer                  |

All Positions Subject to Close without Notice  
Mail Resume/Application to:  
City of Frisco Human Resources  
6891 Main Street  
Frisco, TX 75034  
JOB LINE: (972) 335-0057  
FAX: (972) 377-9068  
EMAIL: [employment@friscotexas.gov](mailto:employment@friscotexas.gov)  
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# 2006 City of Frisco Bond Election Information

The City Council of Frisco called for a Bond Election to be held on May 13, 2006, to consider a \$198 million bond package. The proceeds of the approved propositions would be used to fund a variety of road improvements, park and hike and bike trail projects, and building projects. The City of Frisco believes it is important for the voters to have full access to all information regarding this Bond Election, including what the propositions are intended to fund, how the bonds would impact the City tax rate, and when and where to vote.

The list of Propositions on the ballot is the result of a recommendation made to the City Council by the Citizen Bond Committee (CBC). The CBC was comprised of 21 Frisco citizens appointed by the City Council, Chamber of Commerce, Community Development Corporation Board, Frisco Library Foundation, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Frisco Heritage Association, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Economic Development Corporation Board.

General Obligation Bonds (the type that will be voted upon) are used to fund capital improvements, not day-to-day operations. In this context, the CBC reviewed proposals for capital improvements needed within the next five years from different City departments and groups representing segments of the general public. Through numerous public meetings, the CBC reached its decision to recommend the final \$198 million package as follows.

PROP.	SUMMARY OF PURPOSE	AMOUNT
#1	Fire Department Facilities, Fire Fighting Equipment, Firetrucks, and Warning Sirens	\$20,000,000
#2	Police Department Facilities	\$3,500,000
#3	Public Safety Communications System for Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Service, and Communications Relating to Public Safety and Emergency Conditions	\$8,000,000
#4	Street and Road Improvements	\$100,000,000
#5	Construction and Equipping a Branch Library	\$8,000,000
#6	Heritage Center Infrastructure and Museum Expansion	\$2,000,000
#7	Senior Center Expansion	\$2,500,000
#8	All or a Portion of the Costs of a Community Cultural Arts and Science Center	\$5,000,000
#9	Public Parking Facilities adjacent to the new City Hall and Library Facilities	\$4,000,000
#10	Improvements and Renovations to the Frisco Municipal Complex	\$1,000,000
#11	Parks, Trails, and Recreational Facilities	\$21,500,000
#12	Initial Development and Acquisition of the Grand Park Recreational Park and Open Space Project	\$22,500,000

## PROPOSITION #1

If approved, the \$20,000,000 Proposition #1 would go towards funding the construction and equipping of two additional Fire Substations at locations yet to be determined. In addition, the proposed bond funds would go towards expanding the Fire Training Center, replacing several existing Fire Engines and Trucks, purchasing new personal safety equipment to help protect and locate firefighters who may become lost or trapped in a building, and purchasing and installing several new outdoor warning sirens in order to help warn the public in the event of severe weather conditions or emergency situations.

## PROPOSITION #2

\$3,500,000 is on the ballot for a vote to fund improvements to the Police Department facility. If approved, the money would go towards finish out and equipment for the Crime Lab; finish out and equipment for the indoor firing range; and provide for additional parking at the facility.

## PROPOSITION #3

The City of Frisco currently shares a public safety communications system with the City of Plano and the City of Allen. Because of changing FCC regulations, Frisco is faced with either upgrading its existing equipment or building a new communications system that Frisco would control. If approved, the \$8,000,000 would fund the construction of a new public safety communications system for the purpose of allowing radio and other digital communications for the Police Department and Fire Department, and for other city departments responsible for emergency and public safety responses.

## PROPOSITION #4

Proposition #4 calls for a vote on \$100,000,000 worth of road, lighting, intersection, and signalization improvements. The funding would be used across the City on a wide variety of projects to be determined by the City Council through the next several years. Improvements have been identified in every quadrant of the city, and the proposition is intended to fund the City's roadway infrastructure needs over the next five years.

## PROPOSITION #5

If approved, this \$8,000,000 would fund construction and equipment for a branch library of roughly 40,000 square feet for the Frisco Public Library System. The City's Library Master Plan calls for the central library and four branch libraries to be built over time. This proposition would fund the first branch. The location of this branch library has yet to be determined.

## PROPOSITION #6

This proposition calls for a vote to determine funding of \$2,000,000 for continued improvements to the Frisco Heritage Village, which is located generally at John W. Elliot Drive and Burnham Street in Frisco Square. The proposition would fund additional infrastructure for the Center, and for an expansion of the Heritage Center Museum. The Heritage Village is a historical and cultural

attraction area anchored by a local history museum the City of Frisco is building to preserve our heritage.

## PROPOSITION #7

If approved, the \$2,500,000 Proposition #7 would fund construction and equipment of Phase III expansion to the Senior Center at Frisco Square. The Senior Center serves the population of Frisco over age 50, and provides for social, educational, cultural, health, fitness, and wellness activities and programs.

## PROPOSITION #8

\$5,000,000 is on the ballot for funding of a Community Cultural Arts and Science Center. If approved, this Center would serve as a facility within the community that could be used as exhibition space for visual arts presentations and science demonstrations; performance space for small local performing arts groups; and for studio/instruction space for local arts groups. It is proposed the \$5,000,000 would likely be partial funding with other funding coming from private entities, grants, and/or other funding sources.

## PROPOSITION #9

This proposition calls for a vote on the funding of a parking garage located adjacent to the City Hall and Library facility that is being built in Frisco Square. The parking structure was part of the building's original design, but was not funded as part of the 2002 bond election. The \$4,000,000 would fund approximately 500 new public parking spaces, if approved.

## PROPOSITION #10

The Frisco Municipal Complex, located at 8750 McKinney Road, currently houses the Frisco Library, the Frisco Police Department, and the Frisco Municipal Court. If Proposition #10 is approved, when the new Library and Police Department are complete, the Frisco Municipal Complex will be renovated to house the Municipal Court for the next 7-10 years. The cost for the renovation is estimated at \$1,000,000.

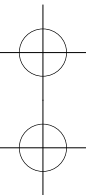
## PROPOSITION #11

Proposition #11 calls for a \$21,500,000 for funding of several additional neighborhood parks, hike and bike trails, and other recreational facilities. The funding would be used to construct projects across the city.

## PROPOSITION #12

Grand Park is a proposed large, regional open-space park project located in the heart of the city. Roughly 400 acres have been identified that would be preserved as a largely natural area incorporating trails, streams, and wooded areas. The \$22,500,000 would be used for acquisition and Phase I development of the Park. The Phase I development would be initial development only, and is not intended to complete the development of Grand Park.

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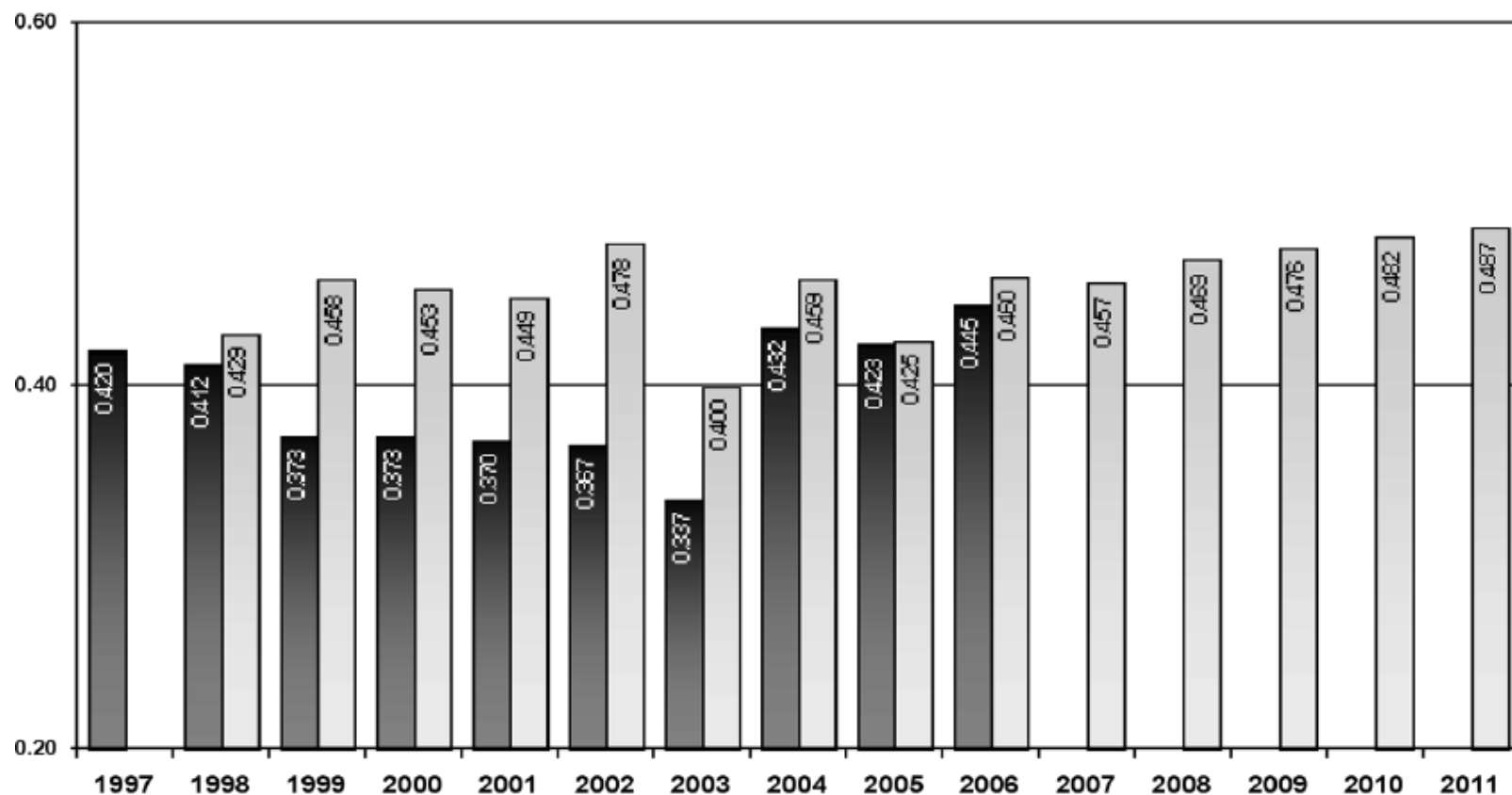
### IMPACT ON PROPERTY TAXES

Municipal Bonds are funded by a portion of the City property tax. The City of Frisco Tax Rate is currently 44.5¢ per \$100 of valuation, so on a \$200,000 home, the property owner would pay \$890.00 in City taxes. The impact of approved bonds on the future tax rate is essentially a function of two things: (1) growth in the property tax base due to new property being developed and revaluation of existing properties, and (2) the time period over which bonds are

sold. The tax rate can be closely monitored and controlled based on these two factors.

In each previous bond election, the City of Frisco has published the projected property tax rate over the course of the planning horizon (five years), and in each case, the actual tax rate has been lower than the projected tax rate. For the 2006 Bond Election, we have projected tax rates through 2011 as follows.

Projected and Actual Tax Rates



This graph is based upon voter approval and sale of the entire \$198 million over the course of five years, and is based on a historically appropriate, assumed property tax base growth of \$1 billion. Over the past three years, actual property tax base growth has averaged \$1.13 billion. You can see if the entire bond package is approved, the City pro-

jects the tax rate will gradually climb from the current 44.5¢ to 48.7¢ in Fiscal Year 2011. At no time do we project the tax rate would climb above 48.7¢ due to this proposed bond package. By being conservative in assuming the property tax base growth and closely monitoring the rate, tax rates should not exceed the projections.

So, assuming the entire bond package is approved and sold, the City property taxes on a \$200,000 home are projected to be:

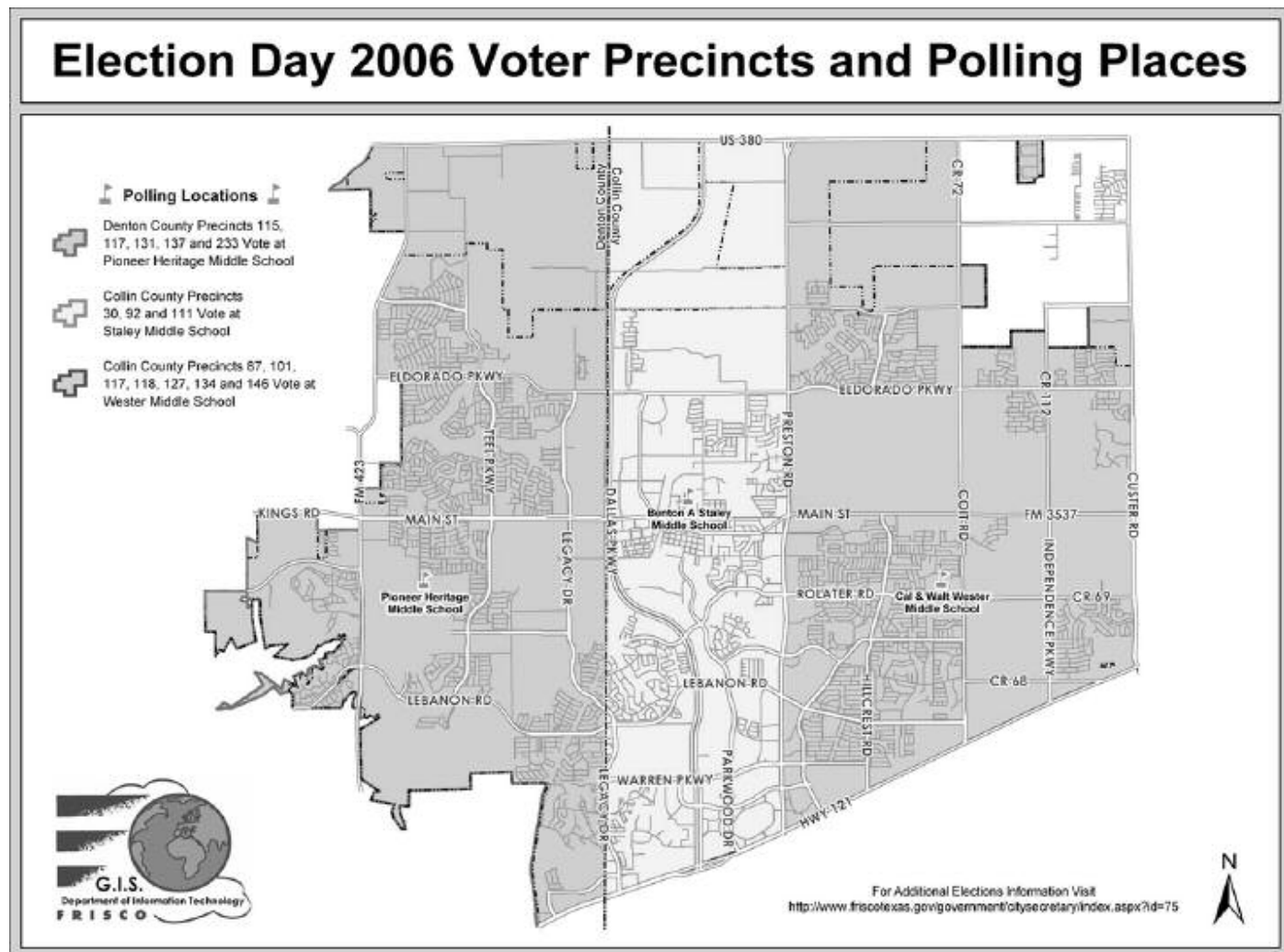
FISCAL YEAR	CITY PROPERTY TAX ON \$200,000 HOME
2006	\$890
2007	\$914
2008	\$938
2009	\$952
2010	\$964
2011	\$974

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The 2006 Bond Election program is the culmination of hundreds of hours of citizens volunteering time with the goal of prioritizing and recommending a package to send to the City Council for approval.

The information presented here is intended to inform the voting public of the proposed projects, and the potential tax rates that would follow based on the vote. If you have any questions or need clarification at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## Early Voting Times and Locations: May 1-9

Citizens may vote on each of the propositions May 1 through May 9 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (and until 7:00 p.m. on May 4, May 8, and May 9) at any of the following locations:

**Collin County Community College**  
**Preston Ridge Campus**  
 9700 Wade Boulevard  
 Frisco, Texas

**Frisco Fire Station #4**  
 4485 Cotton Gin Road (South of  
 Main Street along Legacy Drive)  
 Frisco, Texas

**Collin County Election**  
**Department**  
 2010 Redbud Boulevard, Suite 102  
 McKinney, Texas

## Election Day: May 13

On Election Day (May 13th), citizens must vote at the location designated by their precinct. Voting will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at:

**COLLIN COUNTY**  
**Precincts 30, 92, & 111**  
**Staley Middle School**  
 6927 Stadium Lane  
 Frisco, Texas

**COLLIN COUNTY**  
**Precincts 38, 87, 101, 117, 118,**  
**126, 127, 134, & 146**  
**Wester Middle School**  
 12293 Shepherds Hill Lane  
 Frisco, Texas

**DENTON COUNTY**  
**Precincts 115, 117, 131, 135, & 137**  
**Pioneer Heritage Middle School**  
 1649 High Shoals Drive  
 Frisco, Texas

**For more election-related information, go to: [www.friscotexas.gov](http://www.friscotexas.gov)**



# Monthly Project Update

## 1 Wade Plaza Collector Road

Scope: Infrastructure improvements facilitating the future Recreation Center near Preston and Wade. Est. completion of construction is May 2006.

## 2 Independence Parkway (SH121 to Main)

Scope: Construct the western two lanes of Independence Parkway from SH 121 to Rolater and four lanes from Rolater to Main Street. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. Est. completion of design is June 2006.

## 3 FM 2934/Eldorado Pkwy (FM 423 - DNT)

Scope: Construct the northern three lanes and the southern three lanes of FM 2934 (Eldorado Parkway) from the Dallas North Tollway to FM 423, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This will complete six lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway with. This project will be let by TxDOT. Est. completion of design is May 2006.

## 4 FM 3537 Improvements

Scope: Construct six-lane divided roadway from FM 2478 (Custer Road) to SH 289 (Preston Road), which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This project will be let by TxDOT. Est. completion of design is September 2006.

## 5 FM 423 Improvements

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane divided concrete roadway with curb and gutter. Est. completion of design is July 2006.

## 6 FM 2478/FM 3537 Intersection Improvement

Scope: Construction of turn lanes and intersection improvements at FM 2478 and FM 3537. Includes engineering design. Est. completion of construction is July 2006.

## 7 Coit Road (Lebanon - Rolater)

Scope: Construct the eastern two lanes of Coit Road from Lebanon Road to Rolater Drive. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are

included in this project. Est. completion of construction is August 2006.

## 8 Main Street, Phase 4 (RR - Preston)

Scope: Reconstruction of Main Street with concrete pavement, curb, and gutter from BNSF Railroad to Preston/SH 289.

-2 lane divided roadway from BNSF Railroad to South County  
-4 lane from South County to Preston/SH 289

Est. completion of construction is October 2006.

## 9 SH 121 Service Roads DNT to US 75

Scope: Construct six lanes of service roads from the Dallas North Toll Road to US 75. It also includes a grade separation at Custer. Est. completion of construction is June 2008.

## 10 SH 121 Freeway FM 544 to DNT

Scope: Construct six main lanes and 6 lanes of frontage roads from FM 544 to Dallas North Tollway. Est. completion of construction is December 2007.

## 11 SH 121 Freeway DNT to 75

Scope: Construct main lanes on SH 121 from Dallas North Tollway to US 75. Est. completion of design is December 2006.

## 12 SH 289 (Preston Road) Improvements

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway from U.S. 380 to Main Street, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This project will be let by TxDOT, which will pay for four lanes. The City of Frisco will pay for the construction of the two additional lanes. Two million dollars of the City of Frisco's four and a half-million-dollar participation in this project pays for the previous construction of Preston Road south of Main Street. Est. completion of design is September 2006.

## 13 Lebanon (Village - FM 423)

Scope: Construct the southern two lanes of Lebanon Road from Village to FM 423 including a three-lane bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate



mate six lane divided roadway. Est. completion of design is July 2006.

## 14 Lebanon Road (Legacy - Starwood)

Scope: Construct the southern two lanes of Lebanon Road from Legacy Drive to Starwood Drive. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. Est. completion of construction is May 2006.

## 17 Teel Parkway Bridge

Scope: Construct the eastern bridge on Teel Parkway at Cottonwood Creek between Main Street and Eldorado Parkway. Est. completion of construction is July 2006.

## 18 Selected Old Town Streets

Scope: Reconstruction of the following streets to concrete curb and gutter:

- South First Street from West Main to Ash
- North Third from Main to Maple
- South Third from Main to Ash
- North Fourth from Main to Maple
- North Sixth from Main to Maple

- South Sixth from Main to Hickory
  - Pecan from Fifth to Seventh
  - Hickory from Fifth to Pebblebrook
- Current status is HOLD

## 19 DNT Phase 3 Section XI-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Gaylord Parkway to Platinum Parkway. Est. completion of construction is September 2007.

## 20 DNT Phase 3 Section XII-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from north of Eldorado Parkway to US 380. Project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Eldorado Parkway to US 380. Est. completion of construction is September 2007.

## 21 DNT Phase 3 Section XII-S

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Platinum Parkway to north of Eldorado Parkway. Project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Main Street to Est. completion of construction is September 2007.



# Clean It & Green It

PHOTOS BY DANA BAIRD



Volunteers help residents “chunk their junk” by unloading unwanted furniture at the drop-off site, which was located in the north parking lot at IKEA.



“Clean It & Green It” is a family affair for the Crowders, who consider the event a field trip for teaching children about the environment. (l to r) Wes Crowder, along with his son Josh Reynolds, 15, and daughter Lauren, 2, in tow, cleanup litter at the intersection of Warren Parkway and Ohio.



Girl Scout Hannah Mansfield picks up trash near Lebanon and Preston road.



Chris Holmes, and his daughter, Amber, 12, picked up trash along Coit Road, north of Lebanon.



The City of Frisco’s Environmental Services Division organizes “Clean It & Green It” every year to mark Earth Day and the Texas Trash Off.



Pippa Couvillion, Environmental Services Manger, heads our city’s “Green Team”. More than 300 residents hauled unwanted items to the IKEA parking lot, where folks could recycle everything from computers to cardboard. One of this year’s new “drop off” features included a free, professional shredding service for those boxes of stacked up papers.



More than 100 members of the LDS Church (Mormons) were among the nearly 300 volunteers who participated in the city’s annual cleanup day, “Clean It and Green It” on April 22. (l to r) Brian Cammack, along with his family Josh, 6, Shannon, and Logan, 8; Todd Kneebone; Jody McCord, along with daughters Marissa, 14, and Hannah, 15.



Jane Kneebone, and her friend, Sarah Carr, 8, “Love Frisco” so much they did their part to Keep It Beautiful along Preston Road, north of Hickory.



# Recreation Classes

## ADULT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

### BOOT CAMP FITNESS CLASSES

Boot Camp Fitness is a high-energy workout designed to increase strength, cardiovascular endurance, balance, agility, and flexibility. Various fitness games, relays, group challenges, and obstacle courses will be incorporated to develop teamwork and motivation. Workouts will be structured to accommodate those of all fitness levels. Meet new friends and have fun while getting in great shape. Body fat percentage will be measured before and after each four-week period. Nutritional evaluation and guidance as well as a food and exercise journal are included with the course.

Code	Days	Dates	Times	Ages
MWF		5/29 - 6/23	5:30-6:30am	16+
MWF		6/26 - 7/21	5:30-6:30am	16+
Fee: \$160				
Location: Warren Sports Complex				

Youth Program Highlights

### YOUTH GIRLS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THE FRISCO BALLET WORKSHOP

This is a fun filled workshop for those interested in pursuing their classical ballet education. It's perfect for those little ones who have visions of dancing sugar plums. Brought to you by The Frisco Ballet Company.

Ages	Days	Dates	Times	
M-Th		7/24 - 7/27	4:30 - 5:45pm	8-9
M-Th		7/24 - 7/27	4:30 - 5:45pm	10-11
M-Th		7/24 - 7/27	5:45 - 7:00pm	12-14
M-Th		7/24 - 7/27	5:45 - 7:00pm	15-18
Fee: \$60				
Location: Sheena's Dance Academy				

### YOUTH CLASSES FUN WITH CARTOONS AND ANIMATION

If you have ever wanted to learn how to make your drawings come to life, this class is for you. Kids will have fun discovering their artistic talents while learning principles of animation techniques. The instructor will provide step-by-step demonstrations and advice on how to animate. Explorations of viewpoints, movements, faces and figures will illustrate ways to further develop your cartooning skills and imagination.

Days	Dates	Times	Ages
W	6/21 - 7/26	2:45 - 3:45pm	6 - 13
Fee: \$90			
Location: Senior Center at Frisco Square			

### FRISCO TRACK CLUB SUMMER 2006

The City of Frisco and the Frisco ISD are teaming up to offer a summer youth track club. The recreational track club is for ages 7-18 and is suitable for all levels of track athletes. The Frisco Track Club is affiliated with Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) and will compete in TAAF organized track and field meets during June and July. The meets are held on Saturdays in cities throughout North Texas. Practice is scheduled to begin in May and will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (times TBA). Register by mail or stop by Alumni Hall Fitness Center, which is located on the Preston Ridge Campus of Collin County Community College, 9700 Wade Blvd., beginning April 29th from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Registration closes May 6th. Each athlete will receive a uniform and quality instruction from our team of coaches. The registration fee does not include individual meet fees. The athlete is responsible for paying those fees directly to the meet host.

8 and Under Boys and Girls	Born in 1997, 1998, 1999
10 and Under Boys and Girls	Born in 1995, 1996
12 and Under Boys and Girls	Born in 1993, 1994
14 and Under Boys and Girls	Born in 1991, 1992
16 and Under Boys and Girls	Born in 1989, 1990
18 and Under Boys and Girls	Born in 1987, 1988
(No college level competition)	

Fee:	\$90 New Athlete (includes uniform)
	\$70 Returning athletes (use existing uniform from last summer)

For more information please contact:  
Scot McCollum, Athletic Programmer - 972-335-5517  
smccollum@friscotexas.gov  
www.friscofun.org



Frisco Association for the Arts presents

## AMERICAN BANK OF TEXAS FRISCO GROOVES

Every Friday evening in June at Warren Sports Complex

Bring the kids in the wagon, bring the lawn chairs, bring the picnic & the blanket, bring the grandparents and the grand kids and the neighbors! Kick off your shoes and stay awhile, enjoy live music in a simple, natural atmosphere and be glad you chose Frisco! It isn't until June, but in case you need to schedule your summer visitors around the line-up, here ya go!










### FREE CONCERTS

June 2  
**SARA HICKMAN**

June 9  
**BRUCE ROBISON**

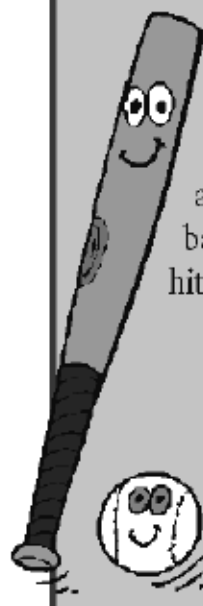
June 16  
**BRAVE COMBO**

June 23  
**TERRI HENDRIX with Lloyd Maines**

June 30  
**MATT the Electrician**

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S "PITCH, HIT & RUN"

Saturday, May 7, 2006 • 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. • Harold Bacchus Community Park



PITCH, HIT & RUN is a FREE program for youngsters ages 7-14\*, designed to encourage youth participation in baseball by allowing youngsters to showcase their pitching, hitting and running abilities.

Boys & girls compete together in four age groups: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14.  
\*Age is determined as of July 17, 2005.

### PRIZES/AWARDS

- All youngsters competing at the local level receive an item for their participation and a chance to advance to the regional competition.
- National Finalists receive a trip to Pittsburg for the 2006 All-Star Game.

**PITCH:** Throw pitches at a designated "Strike Zone" target.  
**HIT:** Hit from a stationary tee for distance and accuracy.  
**RUN:** Run from second base to home plate for time.

For more information, please contact Scot McCollum at 972-335-5517 or by email at smccollum@friscotexas.gov





Peter Cottontail poses for pictures with one of his friends at the Easter Eggstravaganza held April 1.



Looking for some "bunny"?



A mom and son make their best guess at 'how many jelly beans' were in the jar.

# Eggcellent Celebration



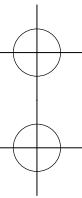
Thousands of children, of all ages, turned out for the Annual Easter Eggstravaganza, sponsored by the City of Frisco Parks & Recreation Department.



A birdhouse and baby chick topped this girl's entry in the annual Easter Bonnet and Tie contest.



Children and their parents, armed with baskets, get ready to stake their claim to eggs on the baseball fields at Warren Sports Complex. In all, more than 40,000 Easter eggs were up for grabs!





## RECYCLING NEWS

JANUARY – MARCH		
Number of Homes	Year	Number of Tons Recycled
17,077	2003	388
19,357	2004	710*
22,555	2005	1,852
26,999	2006	2,567

\*Bin Program



### RUFUS AROUND TOWN

Rufus has been stepping out to promote the city's recycling program.

We're not sure who had the most fun, the students or Rufus. One thing we know for sure, when it comes to recycling students at Boals Elementary are not "barking up the wrong tree" – they know exactly what goes in the cart: plastic bottles and containers, aluminum and steel cans, glass, newspapers, magazines, phone books, dry food boxes and cardboard.

Keep up the good work and don't forget "Do your part keep using the blue cart!"

### MULCH IT OVER

Current drought conditions and pending water restrictions may have your trees and landscaping feeling the heat, a bit too much. A good way to prevent trees and shrubs from overheating is a generous application of wood mulch.

Spread mulch evenly around the roots to a depth of approximately 4 to 6 inches. This will increase water retention, reduce evaporation and keep your plants cool. By using less water you'll be helping your community conserve this precious resource and you might even save a little money by lowering your water bill.

Support our regional yard trimming diversion program and purchase compost and mulch, bagged and in bulk, from Plano Pure located at the Custer Road Transfer Station, 9901 Custer Road, Plano. Call (972) 941-7875 or visit [www.planopure.com](http://www.planopure.com).



### GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY!

Molly Kinson is a senior at Frisco High School and a student with a "green attitude." In addition to her already crowded schedule, she was selected to be part of the school's mentorship program. Her chosen field of Environmental Sciences makes her a natural for our department. It has been our pleasure to instruct her on the varied aspects of our services. She's returning the favor by implementing a bottle and can recycling program in the high school cafeteria. Molly even designed t-shirts for her 'green team' so they stand out in the crowd. In our opinion, Molly doesn't need a shirt to 'stand out.' She'll shine in whatever she chooses to do!

# Frisco Public Library Plans Summer Reading Fun

BY DAVID BLACK,  
YOUNG ADULT LIBRARIAN

Score some fun this summer by **Reading: The Sport of Champions**. That's the theme of this year's Summer Reading Program offered by the Frisco Public Library.

"This year's theme is especially appropriate for Frisco, which is home to a professional soccer, minor league baseball and a junior league hockey teams," said Mayra Diaz, Youth Librarian.

The six-week summer reading program, which is free to everyone, will kick-off the first week of June. The youth librarians have designed programs for every age group. Elementary students entering 1st grade and 2nd grade are invited to attend programs at 11 a.m. on Friday mornings. Those students entering 3rd, 4th and 5th grades will have programs at 1 p.m. on Friday afternoons. All programs will be held in the Frisco Public Library, 8750 McKinney Road.

All participants will be encouraged to read for pleasure this summer. Those who finish 10 books or 9 hours of reading will be rewarded with a paperback book and other prizes. But Ms. Diaz stresses the goal of the program is to keep youth reading for enjoyment throughout the summer.

Ms. Diaz added, "This will be our last summer in our current library but that hasn't stopped us from planning great programs. We're kicking off

the program with a Soccer Spectacular starring players from FC Dallas. Other performers include the hilarious duo Ken 'n' Jim, a magical science show, and Critterman will be back with more remarkable animals."

Teens entering 6th grade and above will have their own programs. David Black, Young Adult Librarian, has planned programs aimed at older students for Wednesday afternoons at 3 p.m.

"Teens need their own space and their own programs. So we've carved out some time and space just for them on Wednesdays," Black said. Teen programs include Henna body art, a film festival, games, crafts, some jewelry making, and a red-hot salsa taste test.

Toddler and Preschool programming will continue throughout the summer beginning the first week of June. Toddlers 18-36 months are encouraged to attend weekly programs with a parent or caregiver on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings at 10:30. Preschoolers from 3 years old to entering kindergarten are invited to attend their weekly programs on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings at 11:30. Programs include a visit from Miss Jo and an entertaining puppet show.

For more information about the summer reading program, please call the Frisco Public Library at (972) 335-5510 or log on to the Library's website at [www.friscolibrary.com](http://www.friscolibrary.com).

## Friends of the Frisco Public Library to Host BOOK SALE

Get great books at great buys while benefiting the Frisco Public Library! The Friends of the Frisco Public Library is hosting a Book Sale on Saturday, May 20 at the Frisco Public Library, 8750 McKinney Road.



A wide range of books for adults and children will be available.

"Used books make great pool-side entertainment, so plan to stock up for the summer," said Elizabeth Chase, Librarian.

In addition to the used books, there will be a limited selection of new books for sale. Most used books will be priced between 50 cents and \$2. New books will be individually marked.

For more information, call the library at 972-335-5510.



# Taking care of Frisco:

## *Fire Department recognizes Emergency Medical Services Week May 14-20*

**BY TRENT SCHULZE,  
FRISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Did you know all Frisco firefighters have at least basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification, with more than 77% having received advanced certification as licensed Paramedics?

Of those firefighters who hold only an EMT certification, more than 66% are currently attending Paramedic school.

Celebrate the efforts of those EMS providers who are often first on the scene of a disaster or motor vehicle accident. The American College of Emergency Physicians has designated May 14 to 20 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.

### How You Can Help in a Medical Emergency

One way citizens can help EMS providers is to recognize when an emergency situation is occurring. Call 911 if you, or someone else, start to experience the following problems:

- Choking or trouble breathing
- A seizure
- Won't respond or move when speaking to him/her
- Sudden or intense pain
- Heavy bleeding
- Severe or persistent vomiting or diarrhea
- Coughing or vomiting blood
- Chest pain or pressure
- Fainting
- Neck or back injury
- Confusion or mental change

- Sudden dizziness, weakness or change in vision

### What to Tell the Emergency Dispatcher

When calling 911, speak slowly and calmly. Briefly describe the situation and be prepared to answer the 911 Operator's questions and follow any instructions they provide. 911 Operators will probably also ask callers to provide the following information:

- Provide your name and

telephone number

- Confirm the address where the ambulance should respond
- Give the patient's name, age and any known illnesses

As well, do not hang up until told to do so and do not leave the scene until help arrives.

### What to Do While Awaiting the Ambulance

EMS personnel will respond to the scene quickly, but you can help responders

before their arrival.

- Keep the patient calm and awake
- Do not move a patient who may be injured unless he/she is in immediate danger
- If it is dark outside, turn on your porch light
- Clear a path to the patient by moving furniture, large obstacles or plants, if needed
- Put all pets in another part of the house away from rescue personnel

• Gather all the patient's medications and give them to paramedics

- Locate insurance cards and other patient identification

In an emergency, it can seem as though the time it takes for paramedics to arrive is lengthy, when in fact only a few minutes have passed from the initial 911 call to help arriving. Although it can be difficult, remain calm and help will arrive shortly.

## FRISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Free to Frisco residents & those who work in Frisco!  
Contact Central Fire Station at 972-335-5525 to make reservations.  
All classes located at Fire Station 4, 4485 Cotton Gin Rd.

Classes instructed by Fire Department personnel certified as CPR instructors by the American Heart Association

### CPR Classes

- Class Schedule: May 3 & 17, June 7 & 21, and July 5 & 19
- Four-hour classes beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Class size limited to 20 participants
- One-rescuer CPR Techniques for infants, children, and adults
- Techniques to assist someone when choking

### First Aid Classes

- Class Schedule: June 10, August 26, October 14, and December 9
- Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Classes limited to 30 participants
- Companion course to CPR training

# JOIN FRISCO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Frisco Neighborhood Watch meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Frisco City Council Chambers, 8750 McKinney Road. Meetings are open to anyone interested.

Guest speakers address various crime-related and safety issues and residents may ask questions or voice concerns.

Other Neighborhood Watch related meetings may be held by Block Captains, District Coordinators and Homeowners Associations.

For more information, go to [www.frisconehoodwatch.com](http://www.frisconehoodwatch.com)

### CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- Take the time to get to know your neighbors.
- Educate your children in methods of crime prevention and stranger safety.
- Maintain a map of your immediate neighborhood to include your neighbor's names, addresses and phone numbers.

■ Report suspicious activity to the police. Don't worry about bothering the police or being embarrassed if your suspicions prove to be unfounded.

■ Provide adequate outside lighting.

■ Install a 190-degree door peephole on your front door.

■ Put interior lights on a timer when not at home.

■ Keep garage doors closed, unless you are inside the garage.

■ Reinforce deadbolt locks; secure sliding doors and windows with auxiliary locks.

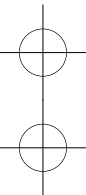
■ Secure garage door openers in the glove compartment of your vehicle or take it in with you when you get home.

■ Do not hide a house key outside.

■ Ask neighbors to pick up your mail and/or newspaper when you're away.

■ Have your lawn cut regularly when you are away.

■ Padlock gates to your yard.





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ing Mayor Mike Simpson.

"The Miracle League is great because it gives children with special needs the chance to be like other kids while playing a great game," said Mayor Mike Simpson.

"While it gives those children an incredible experience, it gives our citizens an opportunity to volunteer and be part of something really special and really impact peoples' lives," said Mayor Simpson.

A Parade of Players kicked off the Opening Day Ceremony, which also included a balloon release – and a ribbon cutting, of sorts – though the ribbon was made of baseball pennants.

A ceremonial "first pitch" by Mayor Simpson signaled the start of the first of two games. The Frisco Miracle League includes four teams, namely the "Rangers", "Yankees", "Astros" and the "Dodgers".

The Frisco Miracle Field is the size of a typical youth field and features a fence line that stretches 200 feet from home plate. But the custom designed field is made from a cushioned, synthetic turf that has the look and feel of outdoor carpet.

It's designed to accommodate wheelchairs and walkers while providing a safe place for chil-

dren with any special need to play baseball, t-ball or any other form of the game, commonly dubbed America's favorite pastime.

Harold Bacchus Community Park was originally designed to include five traditional baseball fields.

Rick Wieland, Director of Parks & Recreation, says when he learned about the Miracle League from some citizens eager to bring the program to Frisco, he didn't hesitate to promote the project to the Parks & Recreation Board, as well as Frisco's Community Development Corporation.

"The Board (Parks & Recreation) was presented an opportunity to provide something unique to the community and we felt it only right to use one of the five baseball fields at Harold Bacchus Park for The Miracle League," said Greg Haughey, Chairman, Parks & Recreation Board.

Frisco's Community Development Corporation (FCDC) – which is funded by a half cent of the city's sales tax – unanimously agreed to support the construction of a Miracle Field.

The FCDC agreed to provide \$300,000 in additional, upfront funding bringing the total cost of the specialized field to approxi-



Mathew Bean of the Frisco Yankees hits a single and smiles all the way to first base.



Above, Katherine Battle is up to bat. Above right, Mayor Mike Simpson poses with catcher Justin Downs.



Cacy Saffrey, President of Miracle League of Frisco, welcomes players and their families to Miracle Field and thanks the City of Frisco, including its Community Development Corporation and Parks & Recreation Board for supporting the project and establishing the specialized baseball field at Harold Bacchus Community Park.

Diane Alford, The Miracle League National Executive Director, says she isn't surprised by the growth of Frisco's newly formed league, given the fast growth of Frisco and local organizers' enthusiasm for the project.

"Since the opening of the first Miracle Field in 2000, there are now 141 Miracle League Organizations across the country, 43 completed rubberized Miracle League Fields, 61 under construction and another 30-plus ground breakings scheduled for this year," said Alford.

The Frisco Miracle League will host Saturday games, beginning at 9 a.m., for the next eight weeks. Aside from the players, the Miracle League of Frisco needs volunteer "buddies" to team up with the players. To date, more than 100 citizens have volunteered to help.

"Call it divine intervention," said Saffrey. "In less than a year, we gathered the kids, the parents, the volunteers and the support of our city leaders. Some one up there is watching over us and making sure we give every child a chance to play this great game," said Saffrey.

To register, volunteer or donate, contact the Miracle League of Frisco at [www.friscomiracleleague.org](http://www.friscomiracleleague.org).



A parade of athletes kicked off Opening Day festivities and the inaugural game for the Miracle League of Frisco.

